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**RE:** **U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/698,729  
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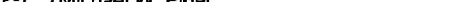
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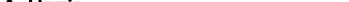
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a.  Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)  
b.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

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**FEE TRANSMITTAL  
For FY 2005** Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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Application Type	FILING FEES		SEARCH FEES		EXAMINATION FEES		
	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fees Paid (\$)
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	_____
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	_____
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	_____
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	_____
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	_____

**2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES**Fee Description

Each claim over 20 or, for Reissues, each claim over 20 and more than in the original patent

Small Entity Fee (\$) Fee (\$)

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Each independent claim over 3 or, for Reissues, each independent claim more than in the original patent

Fee (\$) 200 100

Multiple dependent claims

360 180

Total Claims

<u>Total Claims</u>	<u>Extra Claims</u>	<u>Fee (\$)</u>	<u>Fee Paid (\$)</u>
- 20 or HP =	x 50.00	= 0.00	

HP = highest number of total claims paid for, if greater than 20

Multiple Dependent Claims

<u>Fee (\$)</u>	<u>Fee Paid (\$)</u>

<u>Indep. Claims</u>	<u>Extra Claims</u>	<u>Fee (\$)</u>	<u>Fee Paid (\$)</u>
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**4. OTHER FEE(S)**

Non-English Specification, \$130 fee (no small entity discount)

Fees Paid (\$)

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